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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Hsiang-Fu Kung et al.

Application No.: 10/848,737

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For: INHIBITION OF SARS ASSOCIATED  
CORONAVIRUS INFECTION AND  
REPLICATION BY RNA INTERFERENCE

Examiner: Mary Mosher

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 7, 2005, applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I (claims 1-4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 15-17 (in part)) directed to nucleic acids, compositions and methods of use, for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction among the following Groups:

I. Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 15-17 (in part), drawn to nucleic acids, compositions and methods of use, classified in class 514, subclass 44 for example;